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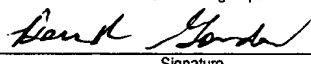
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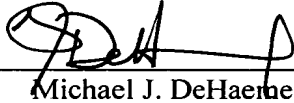
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/817,833, filed on March 26, 2001, entitled AN AUTOFOCUS TECHNIQUE FOR A DIGITAL CAMERA, by Kazuhiko YUKAMA (Deceased) and Kazumi YUKAWA (Legal Representative), inventor.

Please enter the Amendment, filed concurrently herewith, wherein claims 1, 6, 10, 11, 13, 19, 20, and 21 have been amended.

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